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L.D. 191
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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 147, L.D. 191, Bill, "An Act To Authorize 3-day All-terrain Vehicle Registration Reciprocity with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Allow Open Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Weekends and Events'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§7, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. The commissioner may annually establish one 3-consecutive-day period, 2 days of which are weekend days, during which a nonresident may operate in the State a snowmobile that is not registered in this State if the nonresident's snowmobile has a valid registration from another state or a Canadian province.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§16, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 2, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§1-A, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 184, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The following exceptions apply.

(1) Registration is not required for an ATV operated on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, as long as the ATV is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the State.

(2) Registration is not required for an ATV operated by a commercial ski area for the purpose of packing snow or for rescue operations on the commercial ski area, unless the ATV is required to cross a public way during that operation.

(3) An ATV owned and operated in the State by the Federal Government, the State or a political subdivision of the State is exempt from registration fees but must be registered and is required to display registration numbers.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 147, L.D. 191

- 1 (4) An ATV registration for the farm use specified in Title 29-A, section 501,
- 2 subsection 8, paragraph E is not required for a vehicle registered with the
- 3 Secretary of State under Title 29-A, section 501, subsection 8.
- 4 (5) An ATV registered in another state or in a Canadian province may be
- 5 operated without being registered pursuant to this section at a special event
- 6 organized to occur in this State if the special event organizer submits a request in
- 7 writing to the commissioner 60 days prior to the special event and provides the
- 8 commissioner with a map of the trails to be used during the special event and the
- 9 commissioner approves the request.
- 10 (6) An ATV owned or under the control of an ATV manufacturer may be
- 11 operated without a Maine registration at a demonstration event organized to
- 12 occur in this State if such operation is approved by the commissioner. An ATV
- 13 manufacturer or a representative of an ATV manufacturer must submit a request
- 14 in writing to the commissioner at least 60 days prior to the demonstration event
- 15 and shall include a description and the location of the event.
- 16 (7) The commissioner may annually establish one 3-consecutive-day period, 2
- 17 days of which are weekend days, during which a nonresident may operate in the
- 18 State an ATV that is not registered in this State if the nonresident's ATV has a
- 19 valid registration from another state or a Canadian province.'

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment repeals the provision of law that
22 allows a snowmobile registered in another state or the Canadian province of New
23 Brunswick or Quebec to operate in Maine for at least 3 consecutive days without being
24 registered in this State if that other state or province extends that reciprocity to a
25 snowmobile registered in this State. Instead, this amendment allows the Commissioner of
26 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish one 3-day period annually during which a
27 nonresident may operate in Maine a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registered in
28 another state or any Canadian province.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 191

LR 395(02)

An Act To Authorize 3-day All-terrain Vehicle Registration Reciprocity with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

A' (H-90)

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill allows a nonresident having a valid all-terrain vehicle (ATV) registration from another US state or Canadian province to operate their ATV in this State, without obtaining state registration, during an annual 3-day weekend established by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Any loss of revenue to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.